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1. DURING A CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY

EASTERN EUROPEAN EXPERT HOELSCHER, EMBOFF ASKED HOW THE FRG MIGHT VIEW EFFORTS BY THE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH EC-WIDE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. HOELSCHER SAID HE THOUGHT THAT SUCH AGREEMENTS WOULD BE NEITHER DESIRABLE NOR TERRIBLY USEFUL. HE STATED THAT THE ESSENCE OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION CONSISTS OF CONTACTS BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL WESTERN FIRMS AND EASTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND ARGUED THAT SUCH DEALS ARE MORE PROPERLY THE CONCERN OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN THE EC. IN ADDITION THE EXISTING BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS STILL HAVE THE GREATER PART OF THEIR 10-YEAR PERIOD TO RUN, AND THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR ANY COMMUNITY ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE THEY EXPIRE.

2. HOELSCHER NOTED THAT ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIEDRICH IS TRAVELING TO SOFIA NEXT WEEK TO SIGN THE GERMAN-BULGARIAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT.
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